

# Popes Creek Picnic Area Pavilion

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The Popes Creek Picnic Area Pavilion is located within George Washington Birthplace National Monument. The surrounding picnic grounds were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. A connecting foot bridge leads to the historic area, farm, colonial garden, visitor center and gift shop. The Washington family burial ground is located one mile away.

The pavilion and picnic area sit on a bluff overlooking the mouth of Pope's Creek with views of the Potomac River in the distance. A one mile nature trail meanders along the shore of Popes Creek and through wooded areas. A connecting trail and series of boardwalks takes visitors through Dancing Marsh and into the historic area.

The 30' by 42' picnic pavilion holds 75 people. It contains 12 picnic tables and two grills. Restrooms, a water fountain and electrical outlet are 50' away. Parking is available for 25 vehicles on a first come first served basis with one space reserved for the permit holder. A dumpster and recycling bin are available.

The picnic pavilion may be reserved for \$80 per day on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777. When not reserved, it is available without charge on a first come, first served basis. The picnic area and pavilion are open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, November-February, and from 9:00 AM to dusk, March-October. Alcohol is prohibited. Pets must be on a leash. Digging and ground disturbance is prohibited. The use of amplified music and public address systems requires a special use permit issued by the National Park Service (call 804-224-1732 x 240). Restrooms, water fountain and electrical outlet are not available at the site November-March.

George Washington Birthplace is open year round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Admission is free. Ranger led tours of the historic area are held on the hour, with the first tour at 10:00 AM and the last tour at 4:00 PM.

